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For: PRIMERS FOR USE IN DETECTING BETA-LACTAMASES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please insert the following Statement of Related Applications section at page 1 (immediately after the "Title" heading) as instructed in the Request for Filing a Divisional Patent Application filed herewith.

--Statement of Related Applications

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/407,818, filed September 28, 1999, entitled "Primers for Use in Detecting Beta-Lactamases," which claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/102,181, filed September 28, 1998, entitled "Primers for Use in Detecting Beta-Lactamases," and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/121,765, filed February 26, 1999, also entitled "Primers for Use in Detecting Beta-Lactamases." All three applications are incorporated herein by reference.--

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